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Southwest Community Rallies Around Waterside Mall and Waterfront Study

By Mercedes Sandoval-Beene

At what was one of the largest Southwest community meetings held in recent years, more than 200 concerned residents crowded into St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on September 30 to hear more about the future of the Waterside Mall now that the EPA is relocating its 4,500 workers to downtown Washington. The standing-room-only meeting was organized by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), especially its Waterside Mall Committee and Waterfront Task Force, chaired by Margaret Feldman.

According to SWNA president Marc Weiss, the key strategy for assuring the vitality of Southwest's economy is to ensure that the federal government continues to anchor Waterside Mall. This would help retain existing businesses and affract new commercial invest-

eral government continues to anchor waterstee Walai. This would help retain existing businesses and attract new commercial investment. At the SWNA town meeting, Weiss announced that the Assembly was inviting the prestigious Urban Land Institute (ULI) to study the issue of EPA's departure and present recommendations on reuse or redevelopment of Waterside Mall and the Southwest waterfront. Southwest residents at the meeting approved the project in a recognition and unenginous "war" wet.

resounding and unanimous "aye" vote.

ULI director Marta Goldsmith outlined the activities of the ULI study which kicks off with a blue ribbon panel of highly respected national real estate experts who will come from around the country to spend a week touring Southwest Washington and interviewing hun-dreds of community leaders and residents. Recommendations of the ULI panel will be presented in a community-wide forum and then

printed as an attractive report to help support the neighborhood's

In a spirited question and answer session, residents learned about the funding needed for the study, budgeted at \$100,000. It was explained that even though the experts serve without pay ("pro bono"), there are considerable expenses for administration, travel, lodging, and printing.

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The good news: more than \$20,000 has been raised to date. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly scraped up \$5,000 (virtually all of its remaining budget for the year); Waterside Mall developers Bresler & Reiner are contributing \$10,000; Southeastern University is providing \$5,000; the Washington Waterfront Association is committing \$2,000, and the Spirit of Washington Cruise line is donating \$1,000 in cash and several thousand dollars in in-kind services to host large resention for the community and the ILL translet. a large reception for the community and the ULI panel.

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton will serve as a co-sponsor of the

community's ULI study and as a leader to keep the federal government as an economic supporter of the Southwest neighborhood.

With much enthusiasm, residents responded to a call for volunteers,

signing up for a number of task forces and committees. A major fundraising campaign is now underway and deadlines are tight. See "The \$100,000 Challenge," for more information.



USAGE OF SYPHAX SCHOOL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Come to the Assembly meeting on October 27 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a presentation of the 2020 Task Forces. There will be a discussion by the South Capitol Street Area about what is happening with Syphax School.



The Early Leon **Fields** appears on page 4.

The \$100,000 Challenge: Funding a **Better Future in Southwest**

Here's What You Need to Know, and How to Help

WHAT'S HAPPENED? EPA is leaving Waterside Mall - with all 4,500 employees. The exodus has already begun., potentially leaving two towers, one million square feet of office space, totally vacant.

SO WHAT? So this: Waterside Mall could

become an abandoned, desolate place. Southwest will suffer a drastic economic loss. Business, housing, and property values

all will decline.

WHAT CAN I DO? Be concerned.

Follow the news. Get involved. Support the move to bring in the expert team from

WHAT IS THE ULI? The Urban Land Institute, or ULI, is a non-profit organization that specializes in conducting expert studies of land use and redevelopment projects. WHO'S BEHIND THIS? The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), as announced in the October 1997 Southwester.

announced in the October 197 Southwesters WHAT'S THE COST? The ULI experts (all top real estate developers and financial professionals from around the country) serve for free. ULI charges \$100,000 for administrative costs, travel and on-site expenses, and the production costs of printing the report. Fees are based on the diversity and complexity of the issues to be addressed and on the time and number of panelists

required.
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WHAT'S THE DEAL FOR RAISING MONEY? Southwest as a community must put up \$30,000. Other sources will include the federal government, the city, foundations, associations and outside businesses who are being asked to put up the

nesses who are being asked to put up the rest.

HOW ABOUT THE WATERSIDE MALL OWNERS? Bresler & Reiner strongly support the ULI Study and have already pledged \$10,000. Safeway, NationsBank, and Senate Cleaners also are interested in contributing.

HOW ABOUT SOUTHWEST BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS? Several have already expressed support: Southeastern University has committed \$5,000, the Washington Waterfront Association, representing the restaurants and businesses along the Waterfront, has pledged \$2,000, and the Spirit Cruises will provide \$1,000 plus host a major reception for the community worth several thousand dollars. several thousand dollars.

HOW ABOUT THE CONDOS AND CO-OPS? Each community association is being asked to support the ULI study.

HOW ABOUT INDIVIDUALS?

All contributions to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly are fully tax-

WHAT DO DONORS GET

IN RETURN? The satisfaction of supporting the first concrete step towards a new, post-EPA Southwest. We all want a beautiful and vibrant community for the new century. Also, donors of \$2,000 or more will be designated as "co-sponsors" of the ULI study and will receive prominent mention or display in all ULI-related materials generat-

ed by the Assembly.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? Events are moving fast. We need to raise \$45,000 in cash (\$30,000 from the community) and pledges or letters of intent for the remaining \$55,000 by the end of November so the ULI study can get started in early 1998. Southwest needs a plan of action by spring

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE

ULI STUDY? Call Marc Weiss at 554-7440, Margaret Feldman at 554-0242, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at 563-6056 or write your pledge payable to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, 426 "O" Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

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of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social,
educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl
of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for
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(6:00-8:pm)

November

Wednesday, November 5th Answering Problem Questions

Wednesday, November 12th

(6:00-8:00 pm)

Interview Preparation Using the Internet

Wednesday, November 19th

You're Hired (Tips for successful interviewing)

December

Friday, December 5th

"You've Got the Job ... Now What?"

Friday, December 12th

Working 9 - 5

Friday, December 19th

Career Tips for the Future

Please contact Leah Joppy, 488-8162, X250 to register.

To hear the latest SWNA info, call 202/563-6056. After hearing the message, leave your name number and you'll get a return call. If you are involved in an upcoming event, leave the information with SWNA and it will be printed in the paper.

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SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(October 1997)

Oct 27 Monday

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Assembly 7:00 p.m., St. Matthews 222 M Street, S.W.

Oct 28 Tuesday

Fil-AM Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 1 Saturday

Koman Toastmasters Club 10:00 a.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 3 Monday

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board 6:30 p.m., Southeastern University 501 Eve Street, S.W.

Nov 4 Tuesday

First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council 6:00 p.m., First District Headquarters 415 Fourth Street, S.W.

Nov 7 Friday

First District CAC Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m., Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club South Capitol and Portland Streets, S.E.

Nov 10 Monday

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street, S.W.

Nov 11 Tuesday

Nov 15 Saturday

Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

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10:00 a.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 18 Tuesday

SWLINCT meeting, 7:00 p.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 19 Wednesday

AARP SW Waterfront Chapter 4751 Noon, St. Matthews Lutheran Church

222 M Street, S.W.

NARFE D.C. Chapter 2052 Nov 20 Thursday

1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 24 Monday

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Meeting 7:00 p.m., St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M Street, S.W.

Nov 25 Tuesday

Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library

Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

Nov 29 Saturday

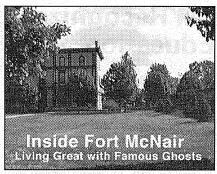
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(Please submit calendar items by the first of November to C.W. Hargrave, (202) 554-8284.)

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has a telephone number. You can call it, 563-6056, leave your message on the Voice Mail and someone in SWNA will call you back. The number for The Southwester will remain 488-3355.



Article and photographs by Joan D. Tierney

To many Southwest residents, Fort McNair is an oasis for the sports minded, for lovers of the outdoors, for walkers, bikers, roller bladers, runners, tennis players and golfers. It is also a haven for those who just want to sit under a big oak tree on its banks for an unobstructed view of the river on a hot summer day or evening.

Since this is the weekend of goblins, ghosts, witches and other fanciful figures of Halloween, it seemed an ideal way to open our story about the Fort – introducing you to the spirits of Walter Reed, Mary Surratt and John Wilkes Booth. The latter were conspirators in the death of Abraham Lincoln, whose trials took place at Fort McNair.

The timing of our discovery of these ghost stories with the national holiday of Halloween is fortuitous, and, hopefully, perfect for arousing your curiosity.

The trials took place on the upper floors of the Penitentiary building in the center of the quadrangle, easily visible from everywhere on the base. It is now home to six families, some of whom have experienced the presence of the resident ghosts — sounds in the night, objects being moved, sighing, and sometimes even the vision of a ghostlike figure flying through the rooms. You don't belive it? Suspend disbelief, just for this weekend. It's a great story.!

Check this one out. If you stop on a snowy day at the righthand side of the quad, you will notice there is no snow, ever, even though snow may be piled several feet high nearby. This is where the body of John Wilkes Booth was buried for a while, with no grave marker, to prevent desecration of the corpse. The public was outraged at his killing of Lincoln. The Booth family eventually removed his body to the family grave site in New York. Since that time, the ground above where he was buried melts any snow that falls on the spot. It is often covered with water.

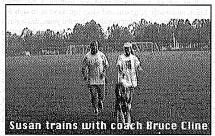
Mary Surratt, owner of the boarding house where the conspirators planned the assassination and stored their guns, was a sister of one of the principal conspirators, John Surratt. She was arrested and charged in the killing because they found the guns in her home and concluded she knew about the conspiracy plans. Mary's spirit not only haunts the trial room in the Penitentiary building on the third floor, but she haunts the jail room on an upper floor of another existing building. She stood there for weeks, watching the gallows being built for her and the others. To this day, the window where Mary stood watching the gallows "sweats", is always moist—no matter how many times they change the pane of glass!

Mary was the first woman in the U.S., tried and put to death by a Federal tribunal Much of the evidence against her was circumstantial which, many people at the Fort say, may explain the restlessness of her spirit. At any rate, Mary is very active in all the rooms of the current residences in Bldg. 20, the old Penitentiary. Most residents, over the years, have experienced her ghostly presence: noises, her crying, furniture turned around and repositioned. Several mothers report seeing her quiet their children at bedtime. Quite recently, one of the residents came outside

one evening by the Arsenal Model building, located side by side, with the Penitentiary building, to wait for a guest to arrive by car. While standing there, the officer looked up at the third floor windows, and saw a ghostly figure slowly flying from window to window. Residents say Mary Surratt is often seen in both buildings.

If you want to know more about the ghosts of Fort McNair, we will attempt to hold a small group session led by the librarian in charge of Special Collections, Archives and History at the National Defense University (building 62). The NDU library has a special collection on ghosts she will share at the session.

Sadly, an exhibit on the death of Lincoln just closed in the first floor corridor of NDU containing original newspapers and photographs from the trial period, on the assassination, and the hanging, even "Wanted" posters listing rewards for their capture were part of it. The historical presentation of these events makes the



ghost stories all the more intriguing We will request she try to duplicate that exhibit at the session. Knowing McNair's history should add to your appreciation of the Fort, the second oldest in the country (only West Point is older.)

Dr. Walter S. Reed who served as head of the old Fort hospital is another illustrious ghost who visits frequently. Repair crews are most afraid to do repair work in the old hospital. One eery story tells of a worker sent to paint a door on the upper floor of the hospital, found it the next day covered with hand prints, with finger impressions dragging down through the paint -- someone trying to get in? Or trying to get out? A technician in an upper floor lab who turns off all the equipment every night, swears that Dr. Reed still roams the building and comes to his lab, turns on lights and turns all the equipment on during the night. No one else uses the lab, or has access but him, so the technician says it must be Reed.

As a change of pace, here are some mini portraits of some of the living, breathing, present day people you



could meet on a visit to McNair (all you need is a picture I.D to visit the Fort). You've heard that Generals live there. There are many distinguished men andwomen serving in the Army who are based at Fort McNair.

As part of history, we single out the recent appointment of Brig. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, to a 3-Star General in charge of Intelligence, the Army's first female general. Gen. Kennedy has been at McNair for three years. Interestingly, she has chosen not to move, to General's Row from the quarters she chose three years ago. She stayed in one of the houses haunted by Mary Surratt. The Arsenal Models Museum is across the drive from the Penitentiary. We wish Lt. Gen. Kennedy well in her new assignment and see her appointment as a good omen for the future of the

Army. It's easy to forget that the officers and personnel who are our neighbors at the Fort, serve far from family and friends. Be a friend!!

In keeping with the times, many men have wives with full time careers as well as children. Many young



McNair couples have interesting jobs. We met some of them at Sunday services and others who were preparing for the Army and M a r i n e marathons.

Captain George
Dillon and his
wife, Dr.
Kathleen Dillon,
DDS, are typical.
George and Kathy
had their children
late. In addition

to her career as dentist, Kathy is a loving Mom to son, Wyatt, age two, baby girl, Jordan, aged five months, and a dog named "Bo" and their yellow lab, aged four, who thinks she's one of Kathy's kids!. consider themselves lucky to have lived in two different apartments in the trial building. They are fascinated by the ghost history of the building and the whole Fort. What the Dillons like about Southwest are evening walks by the river and strolls through the pretty neighborhoods outside the Fort. They think Southwest is one of Washington's "best kept secrets." George serves in the Old Guard, Alpha Company, a ceremonial unit that travels across the United States for important military and government functions.

Susan and Kirby Olson, avid runners, also rate the Southwest area a "10" for all the beautiful places you can run and just enjoy the scenery. Sapphire, their lovable, mix-breed husky, won't let them run without her. No run is too long or too hard. Kirby is the historical archivist for Gen. Reimer and Susan works for a trade association for airports in DC.

Physical fitness is the order of the day for the military, if you want to stay in the service. There's probably a marathoner on every corner. Susan is trained by **Sgt.Major Bruce Cline**. We caught them prepping for two big upcoming events:the Army 10-mile and the Marine 26 mile run. Susan and Kirby Olson love living near the water, having walking access to the Mall, and being a short walk to Southwest theatre and restaurants. They can't imagine a better Post and community than McNair and Southwest.

For those of you who regularly exercise at the Fort, you've probably met or, at least said *Good Morning* to, some of the family members who actually live at the Fort. You may even have run into President Clinton who regularly runs at Fort McNair, accompanied by the usual secret service personnel and vehicles. Sue passed him twice one morning before she recognized Clinton and was redfaced when she realized it.

But, no matter how you slice it, Fort McNair is an ideal place for all Southwest residents to mix and



mingle with each other and the military families who live there. Its history, its charm, its ghosts, its people, its beauty, make it a worthwhile visit any day or time of the year.

Leon Fields – the Early Years

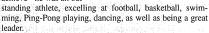
by Nathan Manning

r. Fields was born in DC. He was raised in the McLean Ave. area of Old Southwest. This area was located between "N" and "O" Streets and Delaware Ave. and Third Streets. During the 1930s and 1940s, he attended Anthony Bowen Elementary School and Randall Junior High School. For high school, he attended Armstrong Senior High School.

From an early age, he was always active in various activities related to the development and improvement of youth facilities in Southwest. As a young teenager, Leon Fields would be leading and training the youngsters in playing football and baseball.

His playground was a dirt area between Delaware and Third Streets, along N Street. It was located across from the Hoover Playground for White Children. Leon had no budget or sponsor at the time, so he would get supplies, equipment and volunteers with "a hope and a prayer."

He has always been more than the "Man With One Arm." He never let his disability get in his way. It made him try just a little bit harder to achieve his goal. And he always did achieve - he was an out-



His work with the Police Group took a lot of his time during this period. He was a Youth Leader. He organized the activities and coached the youngsters. He saw to it that the kids had supplies and equipment. He designed the uniforms and helmets.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the Senior Cavaliers and Willowtree disbanded. He got it back and running. Under his leadership, the team became the official team representing Southwest. It was an active and outstanding team in the famous D.C. Amateur Football Conference which had teams from all sections of Washington, DC. He was elected as an Outstanding All-Star Player several times. In more recent times; the Senior Cavaliers and Willowtree, became the Cavaliers Athletic/Benevolent Club, Inc. and he was its head.

Leon Fields went on to be active in many Southwest organizations. He was on the Committee which was concerned with the Redevelopment of Southwest. Fields headed the Southwest Community House for many years, and currently attends the Southwest Neighborhood Alumni Association.

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Jefferson's Principal Recognized for Excellence in Education

by Thelma Jones

ne of the greatest gifts that Vera M. White, Principal, Jefferson Junior High, has given to her students is helping them to discover that they can learn. Ms. White said: "Once students know they can learn, no one can take that away from them." Her commitment to education and philosophy about learning, including a focus on values (self-esteem, confidence, manners and respect), helped to inspire her selection for The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. As one of the four outstanding individuals selected, Ms. White received a Steuben award and a gift of \$25,000.

The prestigious prize annually recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are making a difference today, and whose programs and ideas can serve as models for the education of future generations. "For ten years, this awards program has given us the opportunity to recognize those who have made significant contributions to their students, to their communities, to the field of education and ultimately to the future of our nation," said Harold W. McGraw, Jr.

As principal of Jefferson JHS for more than twenty years and assistant principal for four, Ms. White made character education and high expectations into powerful vehicles for academic achievement at the school. Through the force of her nurturing and disciplined personality and strong faith in the potential of her students, Ms. White has transformed Jefferson into one of the city's leading academic institutions. Attendance at Jefferson is among the highest in the city; thefts, fights and pregnancies have declined significantly, and the school has a waiting list of approximately 500 students. Jefferson currently has about 800 students.

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education, The McGraw-Hill Companies — the world's largest education publisher honored three other outstanding individuals. They included former First Lady Barbara Bush (who has worked actively with Best Friends which is also at Jefferson), JW Carmichael, Jr., Chemistry Professor and Pre-Med Advisor at Xavier University, and Diana Natalicio, Ph.D., President, University of Texas at El Paso. "This year's winners have all demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and the ability to positively impact their spheres of influence - be that in secondary education, in higher education, or in the nation's literacy movement," said Joseph L. Dionne, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The McGraw-Hill Companies. "It is our hope that by recognizing these individuals and their achievements, they will serve as models for others as we move into the next millennium.

Ms. White proudly stated that community support and other organizations' efforts have helped in achieving her goals at Jefferson. She speaks without reserve about the \$1.1 million grant from COMSAT donated in 1989 to create the city's first School of Distinction in Mathematics and Science. The award also included mentors and numerous enrichment opportunities for the teachers, students, and parents. She said the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) has heeded her calls for support and that she is particularly grateful for the community newspaper, "The Southwester" for regularly announcing Jefferson's activities and student achievements. She also commended SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force for their continued support. Other generous supporters, including Best Friends, HUD, Interstate Trade Commission, Potomac Chapter of Links, NASA, Southeastern University, US Department of the Navy, The Washington Urban League, the World Bank, and the local churches have contributed significantly in enhancing instruction at Jefferson.

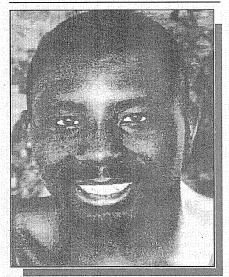
Jamal Jones, 15, and former Jefferson graduate who has known Ms. White since he was two-years old and has had more than his fair share of moments with her said: "Every student in the world should have the benefit of a principal like Ms. White. She's very strict and tough, but she loves and believes in her students. I know because she believed in me ..., and I would still be at Jefferson today if it went beyond junior high school." Ms. White was amused at Jones' impression of her. "I've turned down dozens of interviews from across the nation because I have to stay the course and keep focused on the students. With the exception of the New York Times, this is the only interview that I've granted. I felt that I owed this to Jamal because I got on his case so many

times over the vears."

As for the big question on what Ms. White plans to do with her prize money which is specifically for personal purposes, she said: "I've talked to Mr. McGraw and informed him that I wanted to use most of it for a reading lab for my students who scored poorly on their reading tests. I will also use part of it to continue helping needy former Jefferson students to meet the challenges of pursuing college degrees.

meet the challenges of pursuing college degrees. A gift is more meaningful to Ms. White when she is allowed to share it with others. The Southwest community salutes Principal White for her continued commitment to education and the future of our nation.

Principal White said, "I am deeply indebted to the staff and teachers who made this possible."



Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson -Flyweight Champion

Boxing magazines and the Internet list the birthplace of Mark Johnson as Washington, DC. "The Southwester" is proud to say that he is a "native son" who was born and raised in SW and attended public school here.

Mark has not forgotten his SW roots. He gives back to the community whenever he can. He has donated football and basketball uniforms to the Police Girls & Boys Club. He is often at work at the family-owned beauty shop - Chez Sam Coiffure and the barber shop, "Too Sharp" at 1204 South Capitol Street. Stop in, he loves to greet neighbors.

Mark, a.k.a. "Too Sharp Johnson" is the first Afro-

Mark, a.k.a. "Too Sharp Johnson" is the first Afro-American to own the Flyweight title. On September 16, 1997, he was awarded a 12 round unanimous decision over Aquas Almena to retain the International Boxing Federation (IBF) Flyweight Championship. He has defended the title four times. Earlier in June of this year, he stopped Cecilio Espino in the 2nd round to retain the IBF Flyweight Championship. His next fight will take place in November. Stay tuned to the Sports Pages and the TV Guide to find out the date. In January, he will open the first IBF Boxing Championship at the new MCI Center.

Some important statistics about Mark - he was born 8/13/71, he's 5' 3", his reach is 69", his record is 32-1 with 24 KOs. He is Division Flyweight Ranking WBO - 2. He is number one Flyweight in the world. He is rated by the WBO as number two in the world. He is number 9 in the world - pound for pound. Japan thinks highly of our local boy and Southwest agrees - he's the greatest.

Southwest Health Center

by Jean McDonald

There was a festive air over the SW Community Health Center (SWCHC)on Family Day, Naturday, September 27th. The sun shone, three clowns clowned, food smells tantalized and music from Majic 102.3 played. His Honor, the Mayor, came and was made welcome. Ms. June Hersh, Director of Constituent Services, brought greetings and good wishes from councilman Jack Evans. William (Bill) Jones, Clinic Director, and Carolo McNealy, Social Worker were ready to explain the multiple services offered by the SWCHC clinic, many of which were open for free consultation

intuiting is services offered by the SW-Chilling many of which were open for free constitutions throughout the day. There were lines to get blood pressure and cholesterol readings, dental screening, massages, foot consultations and oral HIV testing. Health-smart snacks were offered.

Outside with the clowns, music and food, were tables displaying health-related services which may be found in D.C. The D.C. Department of Health offered pamphlets on lead poisoning prevention (727-9870), immunizations (516-7127), addiction prevention and recovery (724-5634). Sexually transmitted disease control, HIV and AIDS, TB and psychiatric information was available from Health & Human Services.

The National Safety Council had literature on baby and child car seat safety; PEPCO offered "Ways to Save Money and Energy". SOS (Share Our Strength) emphasized good nutritional habits, and distributed recipes as examples. Food and Friends, Project Safe-Child, EPA radon screening, The American Cancer Society, and the Psychiatric Institute of Washington Clinical Assessment Center, (open 24 hours a day everyday for free assessments) were among the groups offering advice and services to D.C. residents.

The SWCHC offers a complete proper of health services in the control of the safety o

The SWCHC offers a complete range of health services right here in our community. Wanda Wilson, the community-based social worker, emphasized the Clinic's work on prevention, outreach, peer intervention, and health related issues. Services at the Clinic include medical, pediatrics,

peer intervention, and health related issues. Services at the Clinic include medical, pediatrics, ob/gyn, dental, psychological, HIV counseling and testing, nutrition consulting, and teen-parenting. Mr. Jones is hoping to add another local clinic in the Greenleaf complex.

As of October 1, the Public Benefits Corporation will be in effect. This is an HMO for the D.C. Medicaid Managed Care Program. For information and to enroll, please call "First Health" 783-2118. The community health centers are part of this plan, under the D.C. General Hospital. SWCHC is at 850 Delaware Avenue, at I St., SW, 727-3611. They are here to serve your health needs and will be happy to have you call.

Minutes from the September SWNA **Monthly Meeting**

President Weiss introduced the program for the evening by stating that our community and the SWNA are turning the crisis of vacant offices in Waterside Mall into an opportunity by the creation of the 2020 Long Range Planning initiative. The various task forces working on this planning will be leading the Assembly meetings during the year.

Tought's program "What's Happening to

Tonght's program, "What's Happening to Waterside Mall?" was brought to us by the Waterfront Mall/Waterfront Committee. Dr. Waterfront Mall/Waterfront Committee. Dr. Beryl C. Rice, former President of the Assembly, was introduced to give background for the Assembly's concern about the Mall. Almost a year ago EPA's projected move from the offices at the Mall gave cause for alarm about the quality of life in Southwest. A committee, chaired by Margaret Feldman was formed and they are bringing their recommendations to the community tonieth.

nity tonight.

Margaret Feldman then introduced committee Margaret Feldman then introduced committee members and explained their research had determined the assets of our community to be: the Mall, the Waterfront, Waterfront residences, Syphax school renovation, Ft. McNair, the improvements in D.C. Housing in SW, Lansburgh Park and community beautification efforts, and very good schools. The goals of the committee are: to see Waterside Mall occupied by vital organizations, to preserve the community by vital organizations, to preserve the commu ty assets, and to maintain and improve the qual-ity of life for all

residents.

They have determined the Waterfront must be linked to the Mall and

expert advice is needed to lead the community in analysis and decision making. Recommended to guide this review is the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Marta Goldsmith, Vice President for Land Use Policy, ULI, was then introduced to explain ULI's Advisory Services Program in which a panel of experts from out of town interview community representatives and design a 'roadmap' the for community

President Weiss informed the audience that, although ULI's services are pro bono, the community must cover the expenses involved totaling about \$100,000. The SWNA Board's decisign about \$100,000. The SWAN Board's decision to be a primary sponsor, backed by \$5000 was applauded by those present. Marc then introduced Mr. Sidney Bresler, Esq. Representing Bresler/Reiner who owns the Waterside Mall, Waterside Towers and Town House properties as contributors of a beginning amount of \$10,000. He read the letter of confirmation of this promise. Mr. Bresler answered questions from the floor.

President Weiss also encouraged those present to sign up for fund raising efforts as well as other of the 2020 Task Forces. He noted that the participation of every organization and individual in the community is needed and that contributions are tax deductible. The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton and Councilman Jack Evans are extremely avid supporters. June Hirsh has represented Councilman Evans' office at every meeting of the committee

The assembly was adjourned at 8:45 pm and refreshments were served. Respectfully submitted
Jeanne MacKenzie, Secretary



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Prepared by Lonnie Murray, former treasurer of the Southwest Neighborhood Association

New Doctor in Southwest

We would like to introduce. Dr. Felicia R. Stenhouse. D.P.M to you. Dr. Stenhouse has embarked upon private practice in the DC metropolitan area with Dr. Vesta McDowell at Southwest Podiatry, located at 300 M Street SW. Prior to relocating to Washington, DC, she practiced for one year in her hometown of Buffalo, NY.

Dr. Stenhouse will join the staff of area hospitals and incorporate teaching young residents as part of her private practice. While Dr. Stenhouse is proficient in all areas of podiatric medicine, she is particularly interested in performing

surgery and diabetic patient care.

Felicia R. Stenhouse, D.P.M. attended the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and graduated in May, 1994. She did her residency training at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY from July, 1994 through June, 1996. Dr. Stenhouse received her undergraduate degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY in 1989. Dr. Stenhouse was recently married and moved to the area to join her husband, Mr. Eric V. Eve, former Special Assistant to President Clinton and currently Lobbyist to the Administration for Bell Atlantic. She continues to return to Buffalo to maintain a practice there. Dr. Stenhouse does house calls for Hospice patients as well as providing care for two nursing homes.

Please give her office a call for an appointment. Dr.

Stenhouse is also available for health fairs, foot screening and career days. She can be reached at Southwest Podiatry, 202-

Hunton Seeks Seat on DC Retirement Board

Norma M. Hunton, member of the AARP Waterfront Chapter #4751, is a retired D.C.P.S. Teacher and candidate for a position on the D.C. Retirement Board. She is Recording Secretary for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Nu State, Washington, D.C., and Professional Afficial Control of the Professiona Affairs/Legislation co-chair of the organization. Norma is vice-chair of the AARP-D.C. State Legislative Committee, and for the past four years, has been a member of their Pensions Committee, researching and monitoring develop-ments as they occur. This involvement has provided the incentive for her to seek a position on the Retirement Board. She knows the problems and wants to make a s difference. Former teachers, when you receive your mail ballots from the American Arbitration Board, vote for Norma M. Hunton

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New Approach to Community Relations in SW

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For the first time in about 30 years, the configuration of the more than twenty scout car boundaries have changed to twelve Patrol Service Areas PSA's. There are six PSA's in Sector One and Six PSA's in Sector Two. The First District is commanded by Commander Alfred Broadbent. Captain Dwight Williams is the commander of Sector One. There are two PSA's that cover the entire southwest area which is commanded by Lieutenant Beverly Medlock. Sergeant Clyde Porter is sin charge of PSA 110 on a 24 hour a day basis.

Since July 1997 when the PSA philosophy was implemented, PSA's 107 and 110 have averaged a 30% crime reduction over the same period last year. We believe the reason for this change is due to the team concept with all the members fo the team pulling together to accomplish the department's mission. However, to continue with the success we have thus far, we are urging the community to interact with us more now than ever before. Help, us identify those crime and quality of life issues that need to be and can be changed we all work together.

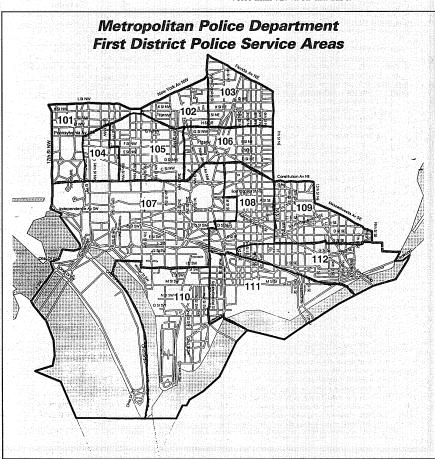
Theft from Autos continue to be the biggest overall crime problem in the First District. Eradicating this problem can be done with some simple steps:

1. Things that are of value and things that are of NO value should not be in sight.

- 2. PLACE, PARK AND GO INSTEAD OF PARK, PLACE AND GO. When you shop, place items in the trunk, park the vehicle and then go. Thievees watch when you place things in the vehicle and then walk away. This is particularly important during the holiday shopping season.
- 3. Park in well lighted areas wehenver possible. If the trees are hiding the light from the street lamps, complain to the Department of Public Works for trimming.
- 4. Use safety devices such as J-Bars, alarms, kill switches, locked gas caps.
- 5. When you hear a car alarm, look for suspicious people and call the police.

In PSA 110, Domestic Assaults are on the rise. If you know of families who may need information such as counseling or emergency shelter, we can furnish families and individuals with information on where to go for help. Remember, reporting assaults may save some-

- · Capt. Dwight Williams 727-4590
- Lt. Beverly Medlock 727-4611 voice mail 727-4932 ext. 24396
- Sgt. Robert Fulton 727-4611 voice mail 727-4932 ext. 24579
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New York, NY, September 23, 1997 - In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize Education, the McGraw-Hill Companies - the world's largest Education, the McGraw-Hill Companies - the world's largest educational publisher - honored four outstanding individuals, former First Lady Barbara Bush, JW Carmichael Jr., professor at Xavier University of Louisiana, Diana Natalicio, Ph.D., president of the University of Texas at El Paso, and Vera M. White, principal of Jefferson Junior High School in Washington, D.C. New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, Harold W. McGraw, Jr., chairman emeritus of The McGraw-Hill Companies and Joseph L. Dionne, chairman and chief executive officer of The McGraw-Hill Companies, and chief executive officer of The McGraw-Hill Companies, led the tribute to these four individuals who through their work have made significant contributions to American education. Each of the four honorees received a Steuben award, as well as a gift of \$25,000.

Ten years ago, The McGraw-Hill Companies established The Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education to mark the Corporation's 100th anniversary, and in honor of Mr.

McGraw's commitment to education. The prestigious prize annually recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are making a difference today, and whose programs and ideas can serve as models for the education of

future generations.

"For 10 years, this awards program has given us the opportunity to recognize those who have made significant contributions to their students, to their communities, to the field of education and ultimately to the future of our nation, said Harold W. McGraw, Jr.

Said Harold W. MicCraw, Jr.
Vera M. White, Principal of Jefferson Junior High School.
As principal of Jefferson Jr. High School, a Washington, DC
public school located in Southwest, Vera White has made
character education and high expectations into powerful
vehicles for academic achievement in her minority student vehicles for academic achievement in her minority student body. Through the force of her nurturing and disciplined personality and strong faith in the potential of her students, Ms. White has transformed the school into one of Washington, DC's leading academic institutions. Attendance at Jefferson is among the highest in the District of Columbia; thefts, fights and pregnancies have declined significantly, and the school has a waiting list of approximately 500 students.

"This year's winners have all demonstrated outstanding

leadership qualities and the ability to positively impact their spheres of influence-be that in secondary education, in higher education, or in the nation's literacy movement,' said Joseph L. Dionne, chairman and chief executive officer of The McGraw-Hill Companies. "It is out hope that by recognizing these individuals and their achievements, they will serve as models for others as we move into the next millen-

(Quoted from a September 24, 1997 press release from the McGraw-Hill Companies)

Southwest Youth Are Reaching Out

P.E.P. (PLANTS-EARTH-PEOPLE) was organized by Westminster Church several years ago to give 11-14-year-olds "something to do" on Saturdays. Some time ago they moved to B&G Club #4 to involve Saturday drop-ins. Their activities include flower plantings and sales, service projects, trips and recreation, but they are most enthusiastic about reaching out to others. Currently, they are responding to requests from the Hospital for Sick Children by making pinatas for hospital parties, creating jig saw puzzles, and painting and filling flower pots for the children's rooms. The Hospital for Sick Children provides residential care (including school) for children and infants requiring very long-term

treatment and care.
P.E.P. members are very excited about extending their community service to ill children. For some time they have been reaching out to Southwest seniors with flowers and cookies and to homeless persons with cookies and sandwich-

LaRue Before & After Care

Over 15 Years of Caring for our SW Children -Cynthia Dunn's LaRue Before and After Care, by Charles Spearman

It started 15 years ago with an idea of providing safe, educational, fun and affordable before and after care services to the parents fo Southwest. Today LaRue Before and After Care has become a Southwest institution with a tradition in excel-

Cynthia Dunn, owner and operator of the LaRue Before and After Care, manages the day to day operations along with Evelyn Perkins. Together they have created a safe, fun and educational environment before and after school.

Ms. Dunn, a native of Seattle, Washington has been

involved in childhood education for over 20 years and has

She completed her educational training at Western Washington State University in Bellingham, Washington where she majored in Special Education and Speech Pathology.

Pathology.

After graduation, Ms. Dun was a special education consultant for the Head Start Program and she taught special education in Seattle, Washington.

In 1981, Ms. Dunn accepted a position in the Head Start Program in Washington D.C. during which time she studied Montessori Training. Cynthia realized that with more mothers working outside the home and the increased number of single persurt boyspholds; the southwest community would be single parent households, the southwest community would be an ideal area for a daycare. In 1983 she established the Larue Children's Academy in Southwest's, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In 1987 she opened the LaRue Before and After Care located across the street form Amidon Elementary in the United Christ Methodist Church. The ages of the children range form 4 to 12 years old most of whom attend Amidon Elementary.

On any given day, the activities at the before and after care include homework, extracurricular development including: music, reading, games, cooking, drama and another exciting activities.

If you would like to have more information about her program you can contact Ms. Dunn at 202-863-0500, Monday -Fridays.

If your child is starting before and after care for the first time and you are considering a new program, Cynthia offers the following tips for parents:

- Look for an experienced operator. Ask for referrals. Talk to parents with children in the child care facility.
- Find out if it is a fun and educational atmosphere. There should be a balance of structured time and free play.
- · Check to see if it is okay to drop in and visit the facility at any time, announced or unannounced and that the facility maintains an open door policy for parents.
- Find out if snacks will be served.Finally, find out if the facility is a caring environment.

Spend some time observing the way the children interact

before making your decision.

Remember, while most before and after care programs provide wonderful and convenient care for children they are not a substitute for parental involvement. Parents must still get involved in their children's education and development.

TUTORS NEEDED

The Southwest Community House again is operating an after-school study center for 25 elementary school children. This year the program is being held in the library of the Anthony Bowen Elementary School (101 M Street, SW). It operates four days each week, Mondays thu Thursdays, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The program is directed by a teacher with the assistance of a high-school student aide, but adult tutors are greatly needed to work with individual children. Would you consider donating a few of hours one day a week to work with a couple of our children? Please call Rick Bardach at the Southwest Community House (488-7210) for further information or to volunteer. Together we can make a difference!!

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son needs to do is to save his/her grocery tapes. Each one is good for free school equipment.

You can drop off your receipts at the offices in Amidon, Bowen or Jefferson. Or, if you have a specific school in mind - give them your tapes. If you'd rather, you can drop the tapes off at the office at Safeway. They will see that the tapes get to the schools. For further information on this program, call 1-800-SAFEWAY.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Again this school year, the Southwest Community House (SWCH) is sponsoring a program to reward good students for their hard-earned academic accomplishments, as reflector neir nard-earned academic accomplishments, as reflected in their report cards. Any student who lives in the near Southwest area (in ZIP code 20024) that is in third grade through senior in high school is eligible. The students must bring their report cards to the Community House. They receive at that time CASH for the "A"s and "B"s earned in the academic subjects. So far this year 167 students have participated. A total of \$4532 has been awarded to these students (an average of about \$18 per student sequence). The dents (an average of about \$18 per student per quarter). The SWCH invites contributions from one and all to help with this very worth-while effort. Call the SWCH (202) 488-7210.

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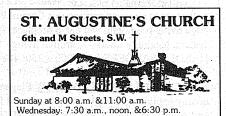
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- 1301 Delaware Ave., S.W., \$23,000.

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